

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1      Claim 1 (currently amended): An acidic emulsified  
2      mayonnaise-like food comprising an esterified compound  
3      composed of a potato starch or a hydrolysate thereof and an  
4      alkenylsuccinic acid, an esterified compound composed of  
5      waxy cornstarch or a hydrolysate thereof and  
6      alkenylsuccinic acid, and a thickening polysaccharide,  
7      wherein the content of protein is less than 0.5% by mass.

1      Claim 2 (original): The acidic emulsified mayonnaise-like  
2      food according to claim 1, further comprising an edible fat  
3      and oil, edible vinegar, salt and seasoning.

1      Claim 3 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified  
2      mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the  
3      content of the esterified compound is 0.1 to 5.0% by mass  
4      of the total mass of the acidic emulsified mayonnaise-like  
5      food.

1      Claim 4 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified  
2      mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the  
3      content of the thickening polysaccharide is 0.01 to 2.5% by

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5 mass of total mass of the acidic emulsified mayonnaise-like  
6 food.

1 Claim 5 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified  
2 mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the mass  
3 ratio of the esterified compound to the thickening  
4 polysaccharide is from 2:1 to 10:1.

1 Claim 6 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified  
2 mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the  
3 esterified compound is an esterified compound composed of  
4 potato starch or a hydrolysate thereof and an  
5 alkenylsuccinic acid and has a degree of substitution of  
6 ester groups from 0.005 to 0.020.

1 Claim 7 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified  
2 mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the  
3 esterified compound consists of an esterified compound  
4 composed of potato starch or a hydrolysate thereof and an  
5 alkenylsuccinic acid, and an esterified compound composed  
6 of waxy cornstarch or a hydrolysate thereof and  
7 alkenylsuccinic acid, and has a degree of substitution of  
8 ester groups from 0.005 to 0.020.

1 Claim 8 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified  
2 mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the  
3 alkenylsuccinic acid is octenylsuccinic acid.

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1      Claim 9 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified  
2      mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the  
3      thickening polysaccharide is xanthan gum.

Claim 10 (canceled).